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In re Application of: David D. Morris
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For: **CONDUIT INSERT FOR OPTICAL FIBER CABLE**
Group Art Unit: 3723
Examiner: Dr. Leonidas Boutsikaris

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Application No. 11/139,124

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